



Borden News

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Dear parents and carers,

The end of an academic year always leads to a period of reflection for everyone involved in education. At Borden Primary school this is not only the end of an academic year but the end of an era.

At the end of this week we will be saying goodbye not only to our wonderful year sixes but also to two highly valued members of staff. Mrs Edwards has been with us for 13 years, as a class teacher, senior teacher and literacy leader. Mrs Edwards has seen many children pass through her class who have benefited from creative approaches to learning – she will be much missed by pupils, parents and staff alike. We are extremely grateful for her dedication and commitment to Borden Primary School.

Our year sixes have been exemplary. They have been ideal role models to our younger pupils and have taken their responsibilities seriously. They have worked hard and they have played hard – and it has paid off. We are very proud, not only of the wonderful achievements in the end of key stage tests but more importantly the way the year sixes have conducted themselves at events outside the school – always garnering praise for their behaviour from members of the public. Borden has provided a solid bedrock of education, a firm foundation for them now to move on to their next challenges. We wish them every success at their new schools and hope they keep in contact with us.

And so to the legend that is Mrs Dunk. After 25 years of dedicated service to Borden primary School Mrs Dunk is finally hanging up her chalk. Mrs Dunk has served Borden as class teacher, PE Lead, Senior Teacher and Head of School. The space given to me in this newsletter simply does not allow me to do justice to the wonderful achievements of Mrs Dunk. With a firm but fair attitude and a trademark Yorkshire wit (and approach to the finances!) Mrs Dunk has had a long lasting, positive impact not just on pupils but on families. For the last two years Mrs Dunk has been a rock to me as we have led the school into a new era, still preserving the values that makes Borden School unique but also acknowledging the changes needed to lead Borden into the future. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Mrs Dunk and Mr Dunk the very best of luck for their new life in Leicestershire with Alpacas – we hope they keep in contact as there will always be a warm welcome for them in Borden School. Thank You Mrs Dunk for everything, we'll miss you.

As we say goodbye to our year sixes, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Dunk it is now time for us who remain to look to the future. Change can be an extremely daunting prospect and can leave us anxious as we tackle the unknown. However, we are extremely fortunate to be welcoming two highly experienced new members of staff who are very excited about joining the team at Borden. Mrs Godsell and Mrs Tollervey, I am sure, will lead the school with the care and respect it deserves as the school becomes part of the Potential in Everyone Academy Trust (it's just a posh new name for the Unitas Collaboration!) Together with our three other partner schools we will ensure that Borden will continue to go from strength to strength.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

David Whitehead

Executive Headteacher

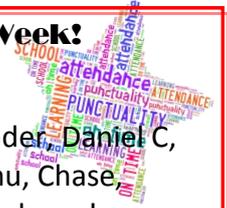
Thought for the week...

Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Attendance Winners of the Week!

Cherry Class!

Congratulations to Joshua, Alexander, Daniel C, Sula, Emmanuel, Noah, Grace, Aanu, Chase, D'Mia, & Peter on your 100% attendance!



Chalk face News

Yesterday evening we were finally given the go ahead to start the chalk face works. The final piece of the puzzle was checking that we had no roosting bats and nesting birds. This was confirmed yesterday. If there are no unforeseen difficulties and everything goes to plan the chalk face work will be completed by our return to school in September. Fingers crossed all summer please!

Drama Club Triumph

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the play practiced and rehearsed through the drama club run by Mr. Abraham.

The play won two awards at the Medway Drama festival, best set, the directors award and gained a third place overall.

A big thank you to Mr. Abraham for giving up his time to provide this opportunity and all the parents who supported the actors. It was definitely a first for Borden.

And finally.....

A VERY BIG thank you to everyone who has wished me well this week. Retiring is a very big step—I'm not sure Mr. Dunk and the cat are ready for me to be at home all day– and one that I am looking forward to.

Another big thank you for the gifts that I have received too– it has been a humbling experience to read all the kind words and thoughts that parents and children have written.

My thoughts will be with you on September the 5th when you all start back at school– have fun and work hard.

Sheila Dunk

Head of School



4th Sept, Inset Day

5th Sept, First Day of Autumn Term

2nd October, Year 6 Bikeability

23rd Oct, Half Term

30th Oct, Inset day